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Meeting

1:00 p.m.

February 10,

1. Chairman Stillings called the meeting of the Building Code Standards Committee called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Public Hearing: None at this time

3. Appeals: None at this time

4. A motion was made to pass the minutes from the January 13, 2011 meeting by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Newman. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Electrical Sub-Committee – Will be meeting again at the end of the month and are hoping that they will be finished reviewing at this meeting.

Certification Sub-Committee – Mr. Brown made a motion to recommend John McDonald to become the Electrical Inspector for the town of Johnston motion seconded by Mr. Newbrook. Motion passed unanimously.

The Certification Sub-Committee also has met in regards to certification for the Property Maintenance and also looking into

changing certification requirements for Architecture and Engineers. We are looking to add to the hours of educational requirements for the Building Officials and the Building Inspectors. The committee feels that more education is needed.

7. LEGISLATION: Mr. Leyden has written and submitted to the Director of Administration for a streamline permits process statewide.

This would be a permitting software system so that every city and town including the State of Rhode Island all work off of the same software. You would not have

to go to the city, town or state to apply for a permit, this would allow you to electronically apply and pay on-line for permits. Mr. Leyden has submitted legislation to the Director of Administration to put this in General Laws and to give the Building Code Commission Office a restricted receipt account to pay for with the money that we generate already from the city and towns permit fees. This would allow us to pay for this statewide permitting software and also for education and training. Cities and towns that this has been mentioned too are all in agreement for this as long as it will not cost anymore than the fees that the charges now. We are looking to implement this to help with making doing business in Rhode Island easier.

Mr. Leyden also stated that there was a Senator who introduced a bill to require the Building Code Standards Committee to, once we adopt new codes for the State of Rhode Island, to offer free of charge to anyone in Rhode Island. There are a few states that do this now. With doing some research, it would cost the State of Rhode Island

roughly \$200,000 to be able to offer to the entire State. This would only allow you to read the code this would not allow you to print the code. The cost of being able to down load the codes would cost roughly over a million dollars.

8. OLD BUSINESS: Jim Carlson reported on behalf of the Residential Sprinkler Sub-Committee. The sub-committee has submitted a report to the Board members. There are six members on this sub-committee and the committee's recommendations to the Board, was that the sub-committee remains in effect to try and eliminate some of the obstacles that the committee saw to even an economical installation of the systems. Mr. Carlson reported to the Board with the Committees findings and recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to accept the recommendations of the Residential Sprinkler Sub-Committee to stay in place, and work to remove any of the barriers that may exist with the water department and the Department of Labor and Training and seconded by Mr. Newbrook. Motion passed with ten Board members in favor and one Board member against.

9. NEW BUSINESS: A copy of the general laws for the State Housing and Property Maintenance Code has been handed out to everyone. This law was handed out to show the Building Code Standards Committee that they need to appoint five members of their committee to a newly formed housing and property maintenance subcommittee. Mr. Leyden would meet with the governor's staff to have the

remaining positions filled and that one of the positions would need to be a property maintenance inspector from a community of a population of 60,000 or more, and two minimum housing inspectors from the community of a population of 20,000 to 60,000, and one property maintenance inspector from a community of 20,000 or less. A motion was made Mr. Carlson to table this to next months meeting and seconded by Mr. Bernard. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None at this time

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Building Code Standards Committee, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Gagnon and seconded by Mr. Newman. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Executive Secretary,
John P. Leyden, CBO**

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS:

Members Present: D. Aschman, B. Balemian, B. Bernard, R. Brown, J. Carlson, R. DeBlois, D. Gagnon, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, M. Newman, G. Preiss, R. Stillings, S. Turner

Staff Members Present: J. Leyden, J. Enos and T. Coffey

Members Absent: T. Chabot, R. Collins, B. Davey, P. DePace, A. Durand, J. Fink, W. Nash, J. Pagliaro, D. Palmisciano

Staff Members Absent:

The next meeting of the Building Code Standards Committee will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at